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BLACKOUT

On Monday evening March 30, an entire blackout of the New York Hospital was called. Within ten minutes of the time of the inception of this practice, the Hospital stood in darkness with but few violations. It is reported that the Administration of the Hospital was pleased with the effort and gratified with the result. There was a noted spirit of co-operation among the personnel still on duty, and an active group of volunteers supervised by Messrs. Keig and Narber contributed no small part in rapidly remedying violations.

The few violations occurred in the Nurses Residence and the House Staff quarters where the individual occupants had left their rooms and had neglected to turn off the lights. This situation must be avoided as it is folly to close off all the lights of the hospital with the exception of one or two on the uppermost floors, which through their individuality thus achieved, stand out as beacons. May we ask that this matter be given careful thought and careful attention.

And now a word for the volunteers: We would indeed be remiss were we to neglect to offer a hearty thank you to those who unstintingly do their turn up on L-3 week after week. We have extended no invitation to our enemies for bombs, and we cannot guarantee their arrival. We can assure you, however, that should the unpredictable tragedy of an actual assault fall upon the New York Hospital, there will be a definite and worthwhile use for every level-headed volunteer that we can muster. We appreciate the true Americanism you exhibit by merely "Standing by". Realizing the hardship that a tour of duty on Saturday and Sunday would impose upon the volunteers, the Administration has other plans for coverage.

Therefore, as the air raid protection now stands, our needs for volunteers call for the hours 5 P.M. through midnight Monday through Friday. We are particularly interested in the period from 9 P.M. to 12 Midnight.

MEN IN SERVICE

Names that are to be added to the roster of New York Hospital employees who have joined the Service during the past month are: Ivor Williams, Receiving Dept.; William Laber and John Sweeny, elevator operators; Frank Homick and John Rael from Building Service; Henry Malek from the Laundry; Robert E. Lee, John McNally, John Michaut, and Arthur Wilson from the Nutrition Dept.; Charles Horvath, Orderly; Dr. Edward Beaghler and Michael Otero from Payne Whitney. NAVY: Edward O'Brien and Stephen Petrula from the Nutrition Department. James Gurzenda, our Optician from the Eye Clinic, joined the Army.

The PULSE received a letter the other day from John Gera, former employee of the Nutrition Department (East Dining Room, to be specific) who is now a member of our armed forces. He writes, "When I last wrote to the PULSE, I was in the process of being trained as a Radio Operator for the Field Artillery. This consisted of learning languages (Morse Code and special codes) and developing muscles for turning the generators that supply power to the transmitters." After that, he took a special course in Radio Maintenance and Repairs. He writes further, "Now I'm on a Cadre (group that is selected to train new men) that is to re-activate the old New York 'Liberty Division'. I think the famous 'Lost Battalion' of World War #1 fame, was a unit in this Division, the 77th. Being on a Cadre means no more K.P. for me, at least not as long as I behave." He sends his best regards to all his friends at the New York Hospital.

NEWS FROM HAWAII

The following was taken from the MACO BREEZE, published in Paia, Island of Maui:

"In the absence of Mr. Churchill, Robert C. Kniffen has been appointed Director of Personnel, and will also carry on his duties as Administrator of Health."

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YOU CAN HELP THEM

The children, the sick and crippled, the old and infirm need your help. We are engaged in a war for the survival of the American way of life; we don't kill off the helpless, we help them on the way to a better life.

The Greater New York Fund asks you to help your community and your neighbors. When one of your fellow workers calls on you, give and give generously.

SAFETY CONTEST

Remember the Safety Contest that has been going on these last five months and still has one month to go? Apparently many of us haven't. The record to date is pretty bad. There are just a few short weeks left in which to improve it. There's plenty of room for improvement. See the record below.

Average No.	March	Total
of Acc.		

Engineering	3.4	3	11
Nursing	19.8	23	102
Psychiatry	4.3	2	22
Nutrition	14.4	17	88
Building Service	4.6	9	35
Laundry	1.7	7	15

DOES YOUR NAME APPEAR IN THE FOLLOWING LIST?

Helen Brown, Mahon, E. Martin, R. Watkins, Mason, Maschin, Maykowski, L. Peck, Schut, Scofield, Oliver, Klebansuis, Robinson, Sherritt, Horth, Dumphy, C. Knight, Brooks, E. Merrill, C.H. Long, M.J. Butts, Cornell, Edelkraut, McMahon, Zbreznik, Gillespie, Breen, B. Brooks, Darbois, Sturtevant, Gustafson, Dane, Zemlock, Krause, Planet, Kent, Handler, Stehlik, M. White, Hazeltine, Matheson, Masters, Brosseau, Stratton, Duckworth, Willett, Graffin, O'Beirne, Gunther, Coyle, Ranges, Hansen, Hoskins, E. Kierwan, Talliferro, Moe, Basset, Cadden, Hart, Barnett, Miller, Volpe, Irwin, Giberson, Boyle, Wallace, Ash, Troy, Heilman, Jurist, Koban, R. Miller.

If your name does appear in the above list, Mr. Casey of the Protection Department has some valuable property that you have lost. Stop in his office and claim your lost articles.

HOSPI -- TALES

Congratulations to Blanche Fermbach and Helen Gresh of the Accounting Department on their recent promotions.

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Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Clifton are the proud parents of a baby girl born in the New York Hospital March 28th.

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Miss Vera Simerda (Mrs. Lemp to us now) who covers the diagnostic index in the Record Room, and Miss Madeleine Dillman, Department Secretary, have received word that they have passed the examination for Registration of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians. We now have four R.R.L.'s in the Record Department: Miss Lincoln, Librarian; Miss Dieschbourg, Ass't Librarian; Miss Simerda, and Miss Dillman.

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Miss Ruth V. Twombly has been elected a member of the Board of Governors of the New York Hospital. She is the second woman to be elected to the Board since 1771.

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John Walsh, one of our Accounting ✓ "Veterans", has resigned to accept a new position with American Sugar Refining Co., and Howard Heidenreich of the cashier's staff is resigning to become affiliated with the Chase National Bank.

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Dr. and Mrs. William Cooper proudly announce the arrival of a baby boy born in the New York Hospital March 23rd.

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The Paramount Choral Society is giving a Private Concert for the benefit of the Research Fund of the Brady Foundation, Friday April 17th, at the Plaza Hotel. General Admission is \$1.10, Reserved Seats \$2.50.

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We wish to welcome Alma Williams, formerly of Nutrition, Margaret Davidson, formerly a volunteer, Thomas Procida of Building Service, and Ruth Spellman to our corps of Accounting Department workers.

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